GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4493
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ERADICATION OF KALA AZAR
JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any step for eradication of disease like Kala-azar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount spent on the programme prepared for this purpose so far, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government have received any foreign assistance for this programme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)to(c) Yes, Sir. An Expert Committee on Kala-azar Elimination from India under the Chairmanship of Director General of Health Services was constituted during September, 2000 to suggest, inter-alia, strategies for Kala-azar elimination and modalities for its implementation within a specific time frame. On the lines of recommendations of the Committee, action has been initiated by the Centre to meet the operational cost for undertaking spray operations etc. in addition to supplying insecticides and Anti Kala-azar drugs.

Out of the current year`s budgetary outlay, cash assistance amounting to Rs. 70 lakhs to Bihar and Rs. 25 lakhs to West Bengal have been so far provided for meeting the operational cost of spray operations.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.